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and Method)

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AMENDMENT

Responsive to the Office Action mailed 11/17/1999, please consider the following amendments and remarks.

In the Drawings:

Please add Figure 1(b), attached hereto.

In the Specification:

On page 5, line 25 delete "1" and insert therefore -1(a)--.

On page 5, after line 26, please add --Figure 1(b) is a cross-sectional view illustrating the

D¹ rigid electrode advancement member at least partially positioned in the introducer of Figure 1(a).

On page 7, line 21, delete "1" and insert therefore -1(a)--.

On page 12, after line 9, please add --A cam 25 or other device can be positioned within

D² trocar 14 to advance and retract antenna 16 in and out of trocar 14.--.

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In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

5b FI 1. (Amended) An ablation treatment apparatus, comprising:
a trocar including a tissue piercing distal end, and a hollow lumen extending along a longitudinal axis of the trocar;
a multiple antenna ablation device configured to be coupled to an electromagnetic energy source, the multiple antenna ablation device including three or more antennas positionable in the lumen and deployable from the trocar lumen with curvature in a lateral direction relative to the longitudinal axis at a selected tissue mass, each of a deployed antenna having an electromagnetic energy delivery surface size sufficient to create a volumetric ablation between the deployed antennas

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